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Remarks

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claims 1,3-8,10-19,25-27,29,32 and 33 is noted and appreciated by the Applicants.

The indication by the Examiner that Claim 31 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is further noted and appreciated.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claim 30 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato '466 in view of Beyer '794.

Independent Claim 30 has been amended to further recite the limitation contained in dependent Claim 31, which is now cancelled as a result. The newly amended independent Claim 30 is therefore equivalent to Claim 31 being rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations contained in the base claim 30, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable.

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A reconsideration for allowance of the newly amended independent Claim 30 is therefore respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims, i.e. Claim 30 is now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 1,3-8,10-19,25-27,29,32 and 33 at an early date is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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